

GOD'S PROMISE

Joel 2:23, 28

Zech. 10:1

Psa. 104:16a

John 14:16

John 15:26

John 16:13

John 7:38

Luke 24:49

Acts 1:8

Acts 2:4

Acts 8:17

Acts 10:44-46

Acts 19:6

James 5:7

Ezek. 47:1

Zech. 14:8

Rev. 22:1

*"... Upon this
rock I will build
my church; and
the gates of hell
shall not prevail
against it." Matt.
16:18*

GOD'S COMMAND

Luke 24:49

Eph. 5:18



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Notices

N. A. E. Convention

The fourth annual conventions (1946) of the National Association of Evangelicals and affiliated organizations will be held on the following dates in Chicago, Illinois:

April 25—Board of Administration, N. A. E.

April 26-28—National Religious Broadcasters, Inc.

April 26-29—Evangelical Foreign Missions Association.

April 26-27—National Evangelical Youth.

April 29—Commission for Christian Educational Institutions.

April 29-May 2—National Association of Evangelicals.

April 3—Board of Administration, N. A. E.

Registration will be open to all who wish to attend. Voting will be limited to official delegates of member organizations and churches.

Christian leaders are urged to note this advance information in their calendars, and to plan to attend what, undoubtedly, will be the largest meeting in the history of the organization.

Change of Address of Ministers and Workers

F. S. Smith—Old: Box 7, Ocilla, Ga. New: 801 West R. R. Ave., Eastman, Ga.

Carl Cox—Old: Greenville, S. C. New: Box 425, Walterboro, S. C.

My wife and I are open for revivals. Anyone desiring our service in new fields may write us.—M. F. Robinson, Rt. 1, Springville, Ala.

I am evangelizing this year. Anyone desiring me for a revival in any state can get in touch with me two or three weeks before time so I can place my dates.—R. L. Sifford, Rt. 2, c/o Chas. Lee, Maryville, Tenn.

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Rev. G. R. Morris and wife are in the evangelistic work this year. Anyone wishing to call us can get us at Hodgenville, Ky., Box 1. We take our house trailer with us, music, and

public address system. Pray for us.—G. R. Morris and wife.

Deaths

EVERLY

Little Sue Everly, baby daughter of Brother and Sister Harvil Everly, went to be with Jesus October 9, 1945; age nineteen months. She was a sweet and beautiful child.—Their pastor, Sam Holcomb, Middlesboro, Ky.

POOR

Sister May Poor, a faithful member of the Church of God at Middlesboro, Ky., went to be with Jesus on October 17, 1945; age seventy-three years.—Her pastor, Sam Holcomb, Middlesboro, Ky.

SMITH

Sister Rosie Smith, a faithful and much beloved member of the Church of God at Rosalie, Ala., went to be with Jesus October 16, 1945; age forty years and thirty days. Her good life and sweet smile will live on.—Ellon Lambert.

STANDFIELD

Sister Nell Standfield, a devoted mother and faithful member of the Church of God at Alabama City, Ala., for twenty odd years, departed this life October 7, 1945; age forty-six years. She was preceded in death several years ago by her husband, Brother Wheeler Standfield.—Maudie Lindsay, Alabama City, Ala.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

My baby to be healed of ground itch from which something has broken out all over her, she has never been well and it seems we will surely lose her. About once every month or two she has something very serious. Encouragement appreciated.—Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Poole, Matthews, Ga.

My daughter, Mrs. Sadie Oshell, to be healed of T. B., she is in the sanatorium in Pennsylvania; my other three daughters and me.—Mrs. B. J. Staup, 412 Forst Ave., Morgantown, W. Va.

God to undertake for our only son.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Alexander, Rt. 3, Vardaman, Miss.

The complete healing of my body.

—M. C. Dixon, Box 184, Apopka, Fla.

God to undertake for my companion and loved ones; unspoken request.—Mrs. Jack Jones, Jr., 5 Brooks Ct., Greensboro, N. C.

My fifteen-year-old son to be healed of sugar diabetes. I know God can completely heal him. I need encouragement.—Mrs. Metta Eagerton, 604 State Rd., Tampa 5, Fla.

My husband to be released from Service; he is badly needed at home.—Mrs. Laura Belle Shierling, Rt. 1, Frithurst, Ala.



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The Spirit of Compromise

2 Thess. 2:3, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition."

Dear Evangel readers, for some time I have felt led to write an article in the Church of God Evangel. I trust it will be a help to some soul. We are living in a day of compromising and deceivableness, which are both the spirit of the antichrist, which Paul said is already working. There never was a time when the true saints of God were tried as they are being tried today. Many have already compromised and many fallen by the way-side. 2 Thess. 2:3. Others have lost God out of their lives by compromising, and like Samson, did not realize it until too late. Judges, 16th chapter. Some folks are like Samson. They think they can get up and shake a little bit and think they have the old-time power. Matthew 7:21-23, also Mark 16:17. It is a very straight way. That is why so many are compromising. I will agree with you that it is easier to compromise than to suffer. Many folks like to serve the Lord in the power of His resurrection, but very few in the FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERING. "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings," Phil. 3:10.

THIS IS MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY

God has healed me of many diseases. Some of them were incurable. He healed me when I was paralyzed from my hips down. He also healed my son of poliomyelitis and many other things too numerous to mention, for which I really praise Him. He is a great healer. One day I became very much discouraged. I was suffering very badly. The people appeared to be tired praying for me. All that I could find were Job's comforters. I am sorry I listened to one of them. I went to the doctor. He found I had a misplaced spine. The devil consoled me in making me believe we must help God. He said this was a Christian doctor, and other people got relief from him, and I would make a better minister's wife if I were not sick all the time, and a lot of other things. Did

you know the devil can make you think you are doing right when you are doing wrong? But if we mean to do right, God won't let the devil deceive us. God gave me a dream. I saw someone bound hand and foot, in the back of the church. I called the saints and we began to pray, but a little fellow, who looked like a dwarf, with a purple hat and a coat on, began to rejoice and dance with us. We all rejoiced with him for some time, but all of a sudden I stopped and got right down and looked at him closely. Observation proved to me he was not real. God spoke to me and told me this was

just a compromising spirit. The Holy Ghost also spoke to me and told me He would heal me, without the aid of a human hand, and I believe He will. I haven't got complete victory yet, but I am expecting it. The only thing He asked me to do that I haven't done was to write this testimony. Now that I have done that, I want all who read this to please pray that God will heal me. Don't think that because God has not already healed my body, that it discredits His healing power, for the trial of our faith is more precious than gold. That is the time we can prove His grace. I have found it to be all-sufficient in all things. If any one feels like you want to write me, my address is Mrs. Pauline Barnard, 1118 E. Ridgeway Avenue, Flint 5, Michigan.

The Bible and the New Europe

By DR. W. A. VISSER T. HOOFT,
Secretary of the World Council of Churches, Geneva.

Bible work is a very general kind of work. A rather interesting example of that was the time the American Bible Society sent to us in Geneva a good number of Russian New Testaments, and we wanted to get these Testaments to the hundreds of thousands of Russian prisoners-of-war. The German army authorities were willing to let in Christian literature and Holy Scriptures for French and American and British prisoners, but they absolutely refused to have any Bibles go to the Russian prisoners. There are Russian Bibles going from the Bible House in New York to Geneva. From Geneva we sent them to the Netherlands Bible Society in Holland, and Dr. Rutgers, of the Netherlands Bible Society, gives them to Dutchmen who are deported by the Germans to Germany, and they put a good many of these Russian Gospels in their baggage, and there they begin to distribute them quietly, without attracting the attention of the Germans, to the Russian prisoners working in the same factories with them.

The demand for Scriptures has been most remarkable in the realm of prisoners-of-war work. In the prison camps it is not just the prisoners each having their individual Bible, but there has been the formation of definite Bible-study groups.

The inner breakdown of national socialism among that huge crowd of young Germans has, as a result, given

them a feeling of an inner emptiness, which demands to be filled, and young Germans that would not have dreamt of looking at the Bible or the New Testament even a few years or perhaps even a few months ago, are now suddenly wondering whether all of this national socialism ideology they have been fed on has not been one great lie, and they are therefore turning again to the permanent, to the eternal Word.

It has been one of the most hopeful developments of these last years to find among the members of the various youth movements in Europe, a clear consciousness of the extent to which they had to feed on the Bible.

I can say something similar about the fighting churches. You see, when it comes to the really critical moment, and you are up against it, in such a fight as the churches of the occupied nations have had to go through, then the only adequate message to fall back on, the only adequate food and ammunition that you can find, is that within the pages of the Bible.

The Nazis have really rendered to the Bible cause a tremendous service. Their attack on the Bible—and very particularly on the Old Testament—has made very many sit up and take notice, and feel that after all, when they become so violent in attacking the Book, that Book ought to have some dynamite in it. They found that indeed, in the Old Testament, in the prophets, and in the Psalms, you could find things stronger than any you could write in an illegal paper!

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RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

Religion Here and There

More than five hundred Service men are candidates to the rank of the Methodist ministry. . . . Kentucky's attorney general has ruled that children in Kentucky are exempt from religious class instruction. . . . Many of the Nazis are reported to be turning to religion. . . . Practically all restraints are reported, as of September 10, lifted by ODT concerning religious gatherings.

The CIO on Religion

Meyer Adelman, secretary of the Milwaukee County Industrial Council, has set forth a plan whereby "church edifices would be built, and clergymen paid, out of tax money. This plan would apply particularly to Greendale Village, southwest of Milwaukee. This is the same plan in part as was used in England when it was compulsory for everyone to pay tithes to the church. Such a rule would put the church under direct supervision of the state. Since CIO has so many Communists in its ranks, it would be rather hard to determine as to whether this may be a political scheme to get the church under government oversight and thereby reduce it to ruin as the Communists did in Russia, or whether it may represent a sincere desire on the part of Mr. Adelman to equalize religion as is inferred in his statement.

Hoover and Crime

Light and Liberty has pointed out that, "The Federal Bureau of Investigation reported on the conduct of the nation's wartime stay-at-homes. It was bad—worse, said the wry FBI, than at any time in its busy history. During the 1945 fiscal year (ended June 30) investigations by G-men reached an all-time high of 13,813.

"The FBI's records showed:

"Bank-robbery convictions up to 53.

"Interstate-commerce theft convictions up to 1,426, double the 668 of 1944.

"Thefts of government property up to 1,815 convictions compared with 1,143, in 1944; 634 in 1943.

"Frauds against the government up to 348 convictions with 235 in 1944.

"Frauds in servicemen's allotments more than double last year's figure (215 convictions in 1945; only 83 in 1944).

But there was one bright spot: The FBI reported it had 97,497,563 sets of fingerprints in files, an increase of 7,454,366 during the year—an effective weapon in J. Edgar Hoover's war against crime among the stay-at-homes.

"Fingerprints aid in the detection and punishment of criminals; but if the ninety million sets which were on hand during the 1945 fiscal year failed to stem the tide of crime, it is not to be expected that the extra seven million sets of fingerprints will accomplish it."

Religious Signs

"Harrison Mayes, a deeply religious 47-year-old coal miner who belongs to no particular church, has erected hundreds of wooden and concrete religious signs along roadways. He has put up twenty-one white concrete crosses bearing the message 'Jesus Is Coming Soon' beside the highways of eastern Tennessee and Kentucky. Before he switched to concrete he had erected 1,600 wooden signs along highways in twenty-five states. The nine-foot concrete crosses weigh 1,500 pounds each, cost him \$12. He can haul only two of them in his truck. Mr. Mayes says the roadside sermons are aimed at the thousands who do not go to church."—*Wide World*.

Japan Loses Shinto Religion

Gen. Douglas MacArthur has made Shintoism illegal as a state religion. This is a hard blow to Japanese religious teachings, and no less to their religious pride; but this is an ideal time to shunt this false teaching concerning spiritual things to the side. Nothing could so much hinder the spiritual and democratic development of a new Japanese race as to allow this deceptive religious belief to continue. The idea of Shintoism is that the

Japanese rules as the "sons of the morning" are the direct offspring of God. Neither Christianity or democracy can develop successfully where the soul of a nation is so poisoned. A new Japan is now a thing possible to be realized and certainly to be hoped for.

Socialism

With Britain now in the socialist camp, France has swung farther to the left; not actually to the Communist camp, for there recent elections reports show that she barely held her own; but more fully she moves to downright socialism. A new Europe is arising out of the ruins of the old. What new spiritual awakening may come to these countries in the wake of war, bloodshed, and strife, remains to be seen. There are signs, however, that there will be favorable developments in religious education and spiritual life.

Majoring in Liquor

William Ward Ayer, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, New York, stated in NAE that, "An estimated 1,400,000 girls are employed as bar maids or the equivalent in handling and serving intoxicating drinks. According to one writer this is twice as many girls as are normally enrolled in the colleges and universities of the nation.

"If the young womanhood of the nation are to major in liquor and minor in education, don't think you can maintain a godly, moral America."

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Faithful "Least" Things--and People

"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much," Luke 16:13, f.c.

One of the interesting things about the Bible is the fact that it mentions a number of very small and seemingly insignificant things that God used, and uses still, in His work. The ant, the cony, the spider, are mentioned (Prov. 30:24-28), among others. Then, too, there are some "small" and insignificant persons named—indeed, a majority of those whom Jesus used to help Him were "ignorant and unlearned" men and women.

But we are thinking especially at the moment about one creature that performed a great service one morning, years and years ago. He performed this service because he was faithful in doing his appointed duty. He is mentioned in Matthew 26:74.

I suppose that this cock was just an ordinary rooster, living in some back yard in the city of Jerusalem. No doubt he had a shrill, irritating voice which was anything but musical. He couldn't sing a sweet song like the robin or lark with which to awaken the other chickens, and the people living near by. But he could crow. And he *did* crow—not just once, this morning, but several times (Mark 14:30).

Let us suppose, for a moment, that our friend Mr. Cock had been like some people today. Suppose that on this particular morning he had pulled his head from beneath his wing, looked sleepily about him . . . saw two other roosters on the tree near by . . . and did some talking to himself. . . possibly, if he had been like some of us humans, his reflections would have sounded this way:

"This thing of getting up so early is not any fun! I'm so-o-o sleepy. I think I'll just stay on the tree this morning . . . let one of the other boys awaken the hens this morning, and get the egg factory running . . . I've been doing it long enough . . . it isn't fair . . . besides, I'm not *appreciated*, anyway! People never praise me one bit for all my crowing . . . why, I heard a man say he'd like to cut my head off because I annoy him! If I could sing, like Mr. Robin over there in the cherry tree, I suppose it'd be different . . . but I'm just an old rooster, who can only crow. Yes, sir, I think I'll stay in bed this morning . . . and maybe I'll strike for more corn, if I'm not appreciated

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more . . . I'll just get all the other cocks and hens to join me in the strike—and then we'll see how these cranky humans feel when they get no eggs for their breakfasts!"

Had our friend Mr. Cock done these things, what a tragedy might have occurred that morning! His voice might never have struck the guilty ears of Peter . . . and Peter might never have remembered (Matt. 26:75) the words of His Lord, "Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice." Peter might have gone on cursing (Mark 14:71) and swearing and denying his Lord.

But this cock didn't fail. He didn't go back to sleep. He crowed as best he could—just as his Creator wanted and intended that he should! How that poor rooster's breast would have been inflated with pride had he been able to know that his very Creator was so close that dark and sad morning! The rooster's crow brought Peter to his senses . . . caused him to remember . . . and to repent with bitter tears. Yes, that humble fowl's faithfulness to duty was a means to changing Peter's entire life . . . of later causing him to give up for a second time fishing for fish and to take up fishing for men!

God's dumb creatures do not fail Him. They are obedient to His will and leading. How splendid when His human creations are equally obedient and pliable in His hands. The wise writer of Proverbs refers to the ant as "exceeding wise" (Prov. 30:24, 25), and we know something of the intelligence, wisdom, and skill as well as industry and faithful performance of their tasks for which the ants are famous. Ever take time out to kneel and watch them? Do so; it will repay you hugely. You can see God's great wisdom in their faithful performance of their work.

"SMALL" PEOPLE, TOO

Usually we do not like to be referred to as a "small" person. The meaning often is that we are "mean." Zacchaeus, the Bible tells us, was a small man—and indeed before Jesus transformed his life the term seemed to have fitted him physically and spiritually. Then Jesus could use him only after he had been changed to a "large" and generous-hearted, honest individual, who was willing to make

right his wrongs.

Jesus used a little child on one occasion. "Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:2-4).

A small lad, with barley loaves and fishes, was used by Jesus. The small lad was willing to give his lunch to the Master—even though, being a lad, he must have been hungry for it! The small lunch was used to feed a great multitude, including the small lad. The lad's faithfulness in this "least" thing brought comfort to thousands, including himself, because Jesus could use him and his possessions. Had Jesus asked this same service of a powerful, rich, influential man of the world—then or today—would the result have been the same? In His wisdom, He chose these "least" people and "least" things, when faithfulness was necessary to accomplish His great purposes.

Paul, writing to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 1:25-29) has something to tell them (and us) concerning small, insignificant, despised, and "foolish" things:

"...the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many *wise* men after the flesh, not many *mighty*, not many *noble*, are called: But God hath chosen the FOOLISH THINGS of the world to confound (put to shame—R. V.) the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: that no flesh should glory in his presence."

This passage of Scripture doubtless contains many meanings, some of which only learned students of theology can explain. But it does tell us, in simple language, that God very often does choose and use those people and things which are usually considered insignificant, instead of the more popular ones, when His work is to be accomplished.

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Is Divine Healing for People Today? If Not, Why?

We have folk today that teach that divine healing is not for us. They say Jesus did heal when He was on earth for the purpose of proving to the people that He was the Christ. But we have been unable to find anywhere in God's Word that divine healing stopped after Jesus went back to heaven.

Matt. 8:17 says, "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sickness," referring to the prophecy of Isaiah 53:5, "and with his stripes we are healed."

1 Peter 2:24, "By whose stripes ye were healed."

We read in the Scriptures of the many miracles of healings He performed, of all kinds of diseases. Luke 4 tells us that when Jesus returned from His fast in the wilderness, He returned in the power of the Spirit, and entering the synagogue they delivered Him a book, and He read the prophecy of Isaiah, where he said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

As He preached to them, their anger was stirred against Him. They thrust Him out of the city and were going to cast Him over the brow of the hill but He escaped them and went His way. He came to Capernaum and taught in their synagogue, and they were astonished at His doctrine, for His word was with power. There was a man in the synagogue with an unclean spirit, and Jesus rebuked the demon and it came out of him.

The fame of Jesus began to spread over the country. He went into the house of Simon Peter, and healed his wife's mother. As she lay sick of a fever, Jesus rebuked the fever and it left her and she arose and ministered unto Him.

They that had any sick with divers diseases, brought them to Jesus and He laid His hands on them, and healed them. Did He heal sinners? Yes, when the men brought the man to Him with palsy, Jesus said, "Thy sins be forgiven thee." When the people that stood by heard it, they began to find fault. He said to the sick man, "Take up thy bed and walk." Oh, that we as a church today would get more souls on our

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hearts till we could carry them to Jesus through our prayers and faith, that He could heal their bodies and save their souls. The Scripture says, "And Jesus seeing their faith." The faith of the men that brought the man helped to bring the blessing to him.

Jesus didn't only heal and cast out devils when He was here on earth, but He raised the dead. What a comfort He brought to the widow when He raised her only son from the dead. This brings my mind to the scripture where He said, "He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted." What could be more heart-breaking to a mother than to give up her only son.

Was Jesus the only one that healed the sick and performed miracles while He was here? No. In Matt. 10 He called His twelve disciples and gave them power to cast out devils and heal all manner of disease. He called seventy and sent them out two by two, and they returned rejoicing because devils were subject to them in the name of Jesus.

Did this wonderful work of divine healing stop when Jesus was crucified? No. Mark 16 tells us that after Jesus had risen from the dead, and was about ready to take His flight back to heaven, He told His followers, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. And they (the disciples) went every where, the Lord working with them, confirming the word with signs following."

Jesus also told His disciples, in Luke 24, to tarry until they were endued with power from on high. Did they receive power? YES! We read in Acts 3, that when Peter and John were going into the temple at the hour of prayer, a lame man was lying at the gate of the temple. He was placed there daily, to ask alms of the people as they entered the temple. But when Peter saw him, he said, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took

him by the right hand, and lifted him up: . . . and he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God." Peter and John did not have material help for the lame man, but they did have the power of God, which was better for him than silver and gold.

Oh, that men everywhere would praise the Lord; would exalt Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever! Was this all the disciples did? No. See Acts 5. They brought their sick folk and laid them in the street on beds and couches, so that the shadow of Peter might pass over them, and they were healed *every ONE*.

Acts 19. "God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: So from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed . . . and the evil spirits went out of them."

1 Corinthians 12, tells us that there are nine gifts of the church, and one of them is divine healing. So we'll come down to James' writing (5:14-16), "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith SHALL save the sick, and the LORD shall raise him up. . . . Confess your faults one to another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

So God's Word is our guide, and I can't see anywhere that divine healing is not for the people of today.

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A Soldier's Testimony

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Dear Friends:

It all turns back to the night when our battery was supposed to have a party. I didn't intend to go. I pulled off my clothes and went to bed early (around six o'clock) that evening. It still wasn't dark, but I had sworn off drinking. I had really meant to quit, but I couldn't sleep so I sat up in bed trying to read. I had read one story and turned over and tried to sleep again. I still couldn't close my eyes. Again I sat up in my bed trying to read, when in came the best friend I had in my outfit. He asked me to get out of bed and come dancing and have a few drinks. I refused him several times, but nothing would he have until I "get up." I told him I had sworn off. He said he had heard that story before, so I went with him to the party. I got some punch they had mixed up and he went dancing. When he wasn't watching me I slipped away and went back to bed, turned over and this time I went to sleep.

All went well for a couple of days until I got on guard with my friend in a larger town near where we were stationed. They were having a party under the place where we were sleeping. We went to the movies and then came back. We had pulled the same relief so we could go to the movies, still not intending to go to the party. I drove around with another friend of ours in the guard jeep, and we went to the party. I did not want a woman but the driver knew where some lived he could get, and he wanted to get them. We went only a little ways and picked up the women and came back. I told my friend to take care of the other one as I didn't want a woman. I had a few drinks and he took care of the girl for a little while, then I found myself under the influence of alcohol, dancing. I kept drinking. I was now with a woman, whom I had said I didn't want, under any circumstances. She had a friend with her and also her sister. We kept drinking this punch and shortly my friend was with my girl's sister and getting terribly drunk. Finally the party came to an end with a lot of staggering people, including me, my friend, and the three girls we had met at the party. We started home. It was about three miles to their house and we intended

to take the jeep. We got in and started out, I drinking. We got about half the way. I do not remember how far, nor which way, when I went out like a light; I forgot and could not remember anything else until after it was all over. I found myself in the road, the jeep had gone off the cliff. Some civilians came running to our aid, of two it was too late and one was my friend. He and one of the girls had died instantly and another had been seriously hurt. How I escaped with only a few scratches I do not know, but God does. He knows all the answers.

Tonight I am sitting in a room under arrest, awaiting a court martial. What I'll get I do not know, but my mind is torn up. I keep remembering him as a brother and he has gone. I have told the truth of everything. The other soldiers in my outfit tell me it looks very black . . . but wherever I go or whatever happens to me, it is all right. I plan a new life if I live. If my friend had not died I would not have gotten any punishment, but God has spoken, I must go on.

Please, fellows, if you will just look around you, look at the man who never drinks. He is never in any trouble, where the man who drinks is always in trouble. God has been good to me. I need prayers and know I will get them and I know that everything will work out some way, and I must face life. Before you go out drinking any

more, think what can happen. You do not know what the next minute has for you. For just a few minutes of fun that night there are five people hurt for life, some are dead and all the others have wounds that will never heal.

There have been many stories like this but some do not understand how truthful they are and how they can help them. In an instant God can call you away, and that is happening every day. The war is over with Germany and Japan but people have not given God thanks, and have said, "All right, Lord, we'll drink and be merry now. It's over"; but please let me ask you to use your head and think what can happen.

I ask the prayers of every one for God to save my soul before it is too late. I try to pray but there is always a stone wall facing me. I have known the Lord and have gone back on Him, so pray. I must be a Christian now. Until He comes or calls,

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Note: I was a member of the Church of God at Rossville, Ga. I know God can help me. Please pray for me that God will heal my sick soul. I feel that God is calling me for some work. I want the whole Church to pray for me and help me find out. Please write me a personal letter. I know God will answer your prayer. I will try and with your help I am sure God will help me. God is merciful and I know He is a personal Savior. God bless the Church always.

A PRISONER OF WAR . . . BUT FREE IN SPIRIT

The Church of God Evangel is now going regularly to the Prisoner of War Camp in Great Britain where our Brother Lauster is interned, and we are corresponding with him regularly. We are still praying and trusting and doing everything that we can to effect the release of our Brother Lauster. Following is a letter just received from him which was written on September 17, 1945. Evidently, he is getting special privileges as he had written me a letter on August 29, and it does not seem that prisoners of war would ordinarily be permitted to send out so many communications. We certainly appreciate the privilege they

are giving him to preach the gospel in the prison camp. I am sure you will enjoy this letter from him.

"Beloved of the Lord: Greetings in the name of Jesus. As you see, I am still here, getting along well considering the circumstances I am in. Naturally, I am longing for the day I can be with my loved ones and in the work for which we have laid the foundation. The Lord is doing a good work here in the camp and many prisoners of war have heard of the holiness way. Paul said he fought with wild beasts in Ephesus and I can say the same. The devil in the form of Nazism is the

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The Ministry of the Miraculous

F. C. DOZIER

When the time came for the Lord to take the Children of Israel into the land of promise, He said to Joshua, "As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee. And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan," Joshua 3:7, 8.

Joshua had no precedent in his own experience to work upon, either in miracles or in power. His favorable report as one of the spies that Moses sent into the land, brought him into disrepute. But now he hears the Word of God, he believes it, and he acts on it.

These were strange commands, but clear and explicit. The ark of the covenant of the Lord was to be taken down to the river, and to be carried by men into the water of the river that was in flood. By this means, a way, a dry way, was to be made for the hosts of Israel to cross into Canaan.

If Joshua had been trained in many modern schools, instead of the school of Moses he would have had a whole catalog of indisputable arguments to prove that the proposition was ridiculous. But Joshua believed God. Neither calculation, argument, nor reason hindered his obedience. He knew that the Lord of all the earth had control of all the waters of the earth, and He could as easily make a pathway through Jordan as through the Red Sea.

The people of Israel were marshalled and arranged so that they could march over as soon as God began to work. And the priests were obedient to the faith. But they had actually to put their feet into the water. They had to taste of the flood. That act of faith was rewarded. Had they faith only in the Word of Joshua? No. They had faith in the presence of Him who had said concerning the ark and the mercy seat above, "There I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat," Exod. 25:22.

The Red Sea could not overwhelm the hosts of the Lord when He held back its waters, and now they had confidence that Jordan would behave at the request of its Creator as He wished. When the feet of the priests who bore the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, the water stood! "Impossible," says the materialist.

"Impossible," says the engineer. "Impossible," says the skeptic in clerical garb. But the divinely inspired Word declares that the waters stood. Joshua 3:15, 16. What was the barrier? There was no beaver's dam! no concrete wall! What was the cause of these waters standing? Was it the command of Joshua? No. The obedience of the priests? No. The resistance of their feet? No. It was the presence of the Lord the Creator. "With the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed," Exod. 15:8. Stormy winds fulfilling His word, and rushing waters too!

He who made that river had perfect control of that river. At the presence of its Creator—and remember, it was by Him, Christ, that all things were made and consist—that river obeyed a law which was its everyday law. You say, "Water finds its level." That is man's way of putting it. Water finds its God-appointed way, and when God wills to suspend a flow, such a flow is suspended until His suspension is withdrawn.

Christ's disciples once said to Him, "Master, carest thou not that we perish?" Mark 4:38. The sea was raging. But He arose from the stern of the ship, rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace, be still." The wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to His disciples, "Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?" and they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, "What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"

It was the Creator speaking to His own handiwork. He willed that the waters should suspend their natural operations. And the children of Israel marched over the Jordan as on dry ground. On the one side there would be a high wall of water, on the other side the waters journeying toward the Dead Sea were allowed to continue. There was a miracle in the division of the water.

We further read, "And it came to pass, when the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord were come up out of the midst of Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up unto the dry land, that the

waters of Jordan returned unto their place, and flowed over all his banks, as they did before," Joshua 4:18. When they brought up the ark, the power was withdrawn.

Oh, the condescension of our God in allowing His presence to rest upon the shoulders of men and to be borne and carried! That presence was so mighty that the river out of reverence for its Creator, stopped in its course.

We may learn a lesson from this. For Christ is in His Church today as He was with His people in Joshua's day. He wants us to believe His Word. "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also" (John 14:12), because the Holy Spirit whom He sent has descended and has taken up His abode in the temples of His people.

There must be a step forward in faith. The priests had to put their feet in the water. It was not until they ventured that the Lord began to work. It is always true, "According to your faith be it done unto you," Matt. 9:29. The Israelites believed the word of the Lord spoken through His servant Joshua, and they advanced in faith, and their faith was rewarded. It was opening the way for Israel to destroy the enemies of the Lord in the land. So with the modern miracles, if the priests (and all believers, according to 1 Peter 2:9, belong to God's priesthood) will be faithful to stand in the river, so that others may march through.

You say, "What do you mean by standing in the river?" The answer is found in Philipians 2, where Christ is pictured as going down, down, down, down in humility to the river of death, even the death of the cross. And the Spirit of God says, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus," going down, down, down, until we know in a real and practical way the deepest death of the cross, and the deepest fellowship of His suffering. Then will many be able to come into the place of blessing.

Revival

LEXINGTON, Ala.—Brother L. G. Rouse was here at Rebecca in August and held a two weeks' revival. The saints are moving up. He surely preached the Word and didn't fail to declare the whole Bible. Pray for the little church at Rebecca.—Mrs. R. L. White.

The Gift of Prophecy

By JAMES WILLIS ARCHER

It is not greater talents or greater learning of greater orators that God desires, but men great in faith, great in prayer, great in the power and gifts of the Spirit.

The Church does not need, so much, more and better methods, but more and better men of prayer, men mighty in prayer.

And what some ministers need is not a new field but a new message, a message vitalized and unctionized by the divine prophetic gifts operative in his life and ministry. The farmer who is successful, has a well stocked variety of farm implements. God's implements for work in His harvest field are the gifts of the Spirit, and high on the list of these divine implementations is the gift of prophecy that holy unction that puts lift and life and light in the speaker's message, until plain words are freighted with divine power, burning as fire and as penetrating as the sword.

The soldier who goes into battle without weapons is as impotent as the minister who goes into the pulpit without divine unction. He is dressed well, he marches well; looks fine on parade, but what can he do against the enemy! His organization and splendid training is the instrument his country uses, but it is the weapons placed in his hands which give him power.

The powerhouse and intricate electrical system to country and city is like God's church system; but until God Himself throws the switch and starts the power coursing through the line, the system is beautiful, but impotent and useless. It is that divine switching on of the power that we seek in all revivals. It is this God-given electrical current alone that brings soul-saving, healing, and baptizing power into the meeting.

A young evangelist friend, a number of years ago, was in a successful revival in a town where a doctor friend of his family lived. This doctor was well known for his atheistic views and teachings. Our friend well knew the doctor's delight in taking young, earnest ministers, and shattering their arguments, and often injuring their faith, through his capable anti-Christian arguments. Our friend accepted his invitation to spend the night with the doctor, as a family obligation. But he did so with genuine

fear, knowing that he was no match for the doctor's long-practiced arguments. After the service, the doctor drove him home, gave him a lunch, talked pleasantly enough about generalities, and showed him to his room. But the young evangelist was not fooled. He knew he was just being fattened up for the kill the next day. He could not sleep. In desperation he called upon God. Far beyond midnight he continued his fervent supplications. Then, above his own audible prayers, he thought he heard his name called. He listened. Sure enough through the darkness from the direction of the doctor's bedroom came a distressed cry. Once more calling upon the Lord to help him, he hurried to the doctor's room. The doctor spoke feebly—"S-son, p-please p-p-PRAY for me—I-I'm dying."

The young evangelist said, "I never was so glad to pray for anybody in my life, and I never prayed more fervently." God healed and saved the physician, who could neither heal nor save himself, and the next day was a pleasant one indeed.

It is this sort of divine intervention that made the great holiness movement what it is today. And it is through continued seeking for and yielding to the supernatural impulses of the Spirit, that we will keep the holy electric power flowing through the line, till the outer darkness is forever dispelled by the eternal presence of our coming King. The prophetic gifts and unctions play a leading roll in this great last day's Pentecostal outpouring.

So many have asked, "Why is it that accompanying this glorious latter-rain outpouring we have had such marvelous manifestations of the gifts of healing, miracles, tongues, etc., but so little of the gifts of prophecy, which Paul gave such a prominent place in the Church?" To which I have always replied, that no gift has been more wondrously and powerfully in evidence in the last thirty years than the gift of prophecy, but that the gift, being so little understood, has not been often given its proper place in the body. So it is proper at this point to ask and answer the question—JUST WHAT IS PROPHECY?

The dictionary tells us that prophecy is a divinely inspired utterance. But we suspect that Webster did not know anything about speaking in other tongues. For speaking in tongues is a divinely inspired utterance, but is not necessarily a prophecy—though it can be. So we will presume to correct, or add to, Webster's definition by saying, Prophecy is a divinely inspired utterance in the language of those present. In the United States, that would mean in English. Where I am writing at the moment, it would be in Spanish, for that is the language spoken in our church congregations here.

Then the Bible gives us a definition of prophecy by saying that it is "speaking unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort." 1 Cor. 14:3. The divine inspiration is not stated, but accepted as an essential part of the prophetic gift. (Note the continued emphasis placed upon the fact of SPIRIT control of the gifts, 1 Cor. 12:4-11.)

So we may draw this final and assured conclusion, that the gifts of prophecy, as mentioned in Rom. 12:6 and 1 Cor. 12:10, and explained in more detail in 1 Cor. 14, is any divinely inspired utterance in the language of those present, to the edification, exhortation, and comfort of the people. Just as simple as that. And a prophet in the church is one who speaks by divine inspiration.

But someone says, "But, Brother Archer, I thought prophesying was fortelling events!" It most certainly is. But that is just one of the several functions of the gift. This particular manifestation of the gift filled a large place in the Old Testament, and probably gives rise to a generally accepted view that prophecy is ONLY fortelling events. We also find that prophesying the future had its place and ministry in the early Church, but only as one of several other manifestations of the gift.

So now there follows in logical order the question, WHO, THEN MAY PROPHECY? And the answer is a glorious and joyous one! "—ye may ALL prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted," 1 Cor. 14:31. "Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy," Acts 2:17; "And on my SERVANTS and on my HANDMAIDENS I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy," Acts 2:18.

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TESTIMONIES

Faith Is Wonderful

RUTH, Calif.—Dear Evangel Readers, greetings in the dear name of Jesus Christ our Lord. How thankful I am to have the dear Evangel; it is food to my soul. We do not have any

other way of hearing the soul-stirring messages and it is so full of them. Dear ones, it is wonderful to have faith. I have thought much lately on what a great thing it is to have faith, for without faith it is impossible to please

God and to have faith in God and in Christ as His Son, faith in the shed blood, in the death of His Son, faith in the resurrection and faith in Christ as our Mediator, and in His return to catch up His saints. We certainly have a lot to be thankful for. No one on earth should be as happy and as thankful as a Christian. We have the Holy Spirit to guide and comfort us, all of Christ's promises to defend us, and Christ told the disciples that whatsoever they would ask the Father for in His (Christ's) name the Father would give them, and we know that if we fail to receive it it is because we lack faith or have fallen short some way, for God's promises are sure and steadfast.

Let us study the blessed Word and ask wisdom to understand it, that we may be happy. Jesus gives deep peace that nothing can take away. I do not have anything to glory in only the love and mercy of God, for it has taken me more than sixty years to learn just how to really trust God for everything and to know that every chastisement is for my benefit, but praise God that He has had patience to keep dealing with me until I have. I believe I have learned to completely trust Him, no matter what comes.

I desire the prayers of all. If any Church of God preacher ever comes this way, my husband and I will certainly be delighted to have him in our home and help any way we can to get a work started here. We are in the mountains and no one around here seems to be interested in living for Christ, but we know that nothing is impossible with God if we have faith enough. May the Lord bless all who have a part in the great work of taking the gospel to lost men and women. —Mrs. W. C. Reeves.

Encouragement in the Lord

Dear Friends of the Church of God:

Yesterday I received two copies of the Evangel and enjoyed reading them very much. Every article in both copies seemed to give me more encouragement and strength for the wonderful Lord who has blessed me for twenty-eight months particularly, that of which I have served overseas. During that time I have participated in four campaigns. I received my first copy of the Evangel after the battle of Attu and again I want to say I really enjoyed reading it. All the way I have had it with me, in every battle thus far, but what I want to tell you people

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beast. Many times I fought this battle and the Lord was mightily with me. So this is just the foretaste of what it was in Germany. Nazism is not only political, it is also spiritual. Demon powers—I could tell you something of this, but our weapons were not carnal and we have our duty to cast these demons out through the truth of God's Word and power. Lukewarm churches will not do this job. So you pray for us.

"Please contact the British government again about my release for I know there is a great need in the works we started in Germany after suffering this Nazi persecution for years, especially during the last year when they stopped us from having any meetings. If we held meetings, it was at the cost of the precious lives of the saints. Please remember me.—Brother Lauster."

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ple, and all the world is that God has wonderfully blessed me and has taken excellent care of that which I have committed unto His keeping.

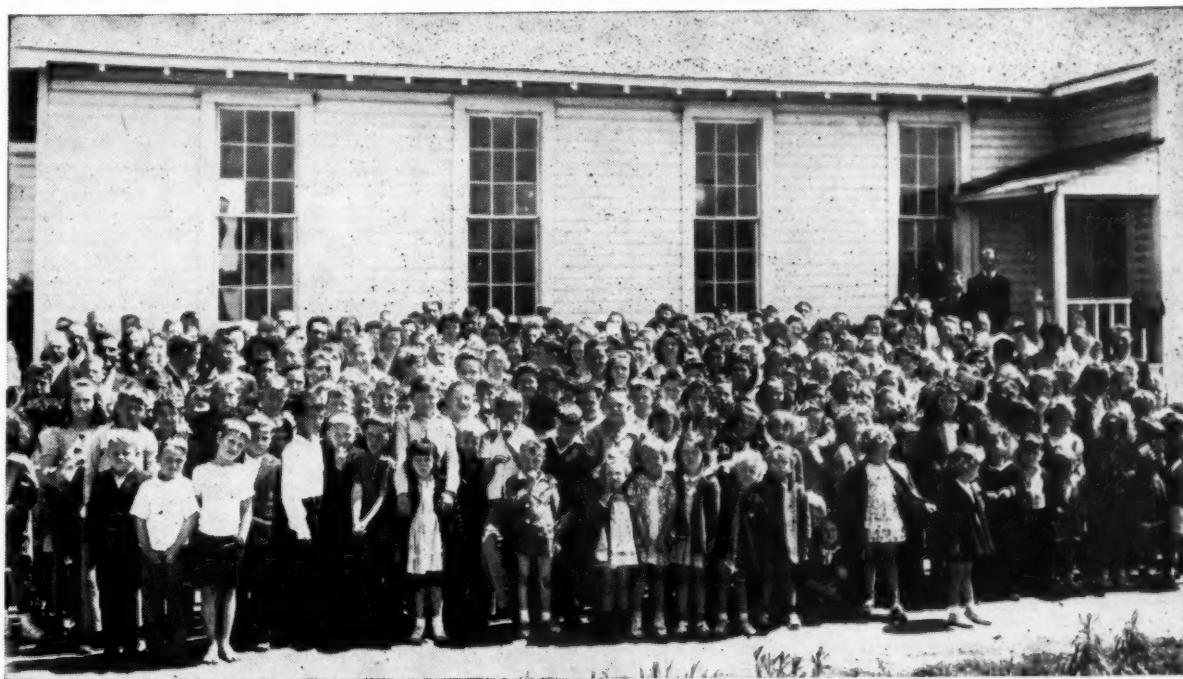
I ask you who know the worth of prayer to pray for my brother James, who is serving with the United States Navy somewhere in the Pacific, and our dear old mother and dad who are at home at Monroe, Ga., and for me. I always need the prayers of all good

Christian people.—Cpl. T-G. S. Morrell, 14138846.

The real function of the Christian religion is not to show men how they ought to live, but to supply the power necessary for one to live that way.



This is a picture of the improvements of the church and parsonage at Dyer, Ark. Brother and Sister R. R. Martin have worked faithfully for two years here. Improvements consist of an addition to parsonage, brick siding on church and parsonage, and installation of electric lights.—Lewis E. Hill, clerk.



This is the Church of God Sunday School in McColl, S. C. This picture was taken May 6, 1945, with three hundred forty-six present. Since then we have exceeded that number. This was not a home-coming day, just a regular Sunday School. Rev. C. W. Barnes is the pastor of this wonderful church and Sunday School. Brother Edward Caison is the superintendent of this Sunday School.

Reports from the Field

Healing a Mystery to Doctor

CULLMAN, Ala.—I praise the Lord for healing my daughter. She had a deathly look in her eyes. I sent a request for prayer to Brother Jernigan. He carried the request to the prayer room and they prayed and God touched her. The doctor said there was a mystery in her case. Praise God, I love the Lord; I love to serve Him.

The Lord is blessing the church in Cullman. We have a good pastor. God has blessed his work here.

Both of my sons are back at home and I cannot praise the Lord enough for bringing them back.

Please pray for me, I want to be a blessing. Pray that God will save the unsaved of my family. Pray for the work here. The Lord has been good to us.—Mrs. Bessie Cornelius, 1108 4th St., W.

GREENSBORO, N. C.—We praise our God for the way He has blessed our church in Greensboro, N. C. We have a good pastor, Rev. H. T. Durden, and his wife. They are certainly a blessing to our church.

We have just completed a twelve weeks' contest in our Y.P.E. and had a good attendance of 1,322 and a nice offering of \$274.49 during the twelve weeks.

Our church has bought a new \$9,000 parsonage with modern conveniences, one of the best in the State. We thank God for the way He has helped us with our new parsonage. The L. W. W. B. is doing a great work. They are buying the additional furniture needed for the new parsonage.

We are just beginning a revival and are praying for a great one. It is wonderful how our Savior can take a life that is filled with sin and unhappiness and change it so completely and make it shine for Jesus here below.

Please pray that God will continue to bless our church and help us win many souls for Him during this revival, for He has said, "He that winneth souls is wise."—Sister Ann Jones, 5 Brooks Ct.

Souls Praying Through in Most Every Service

SPARTANBURG, S. C.—Dear Read-

ers, I feel led of God to tell of the wonderful way the Lord is blessing here at the South Spartanburg Church of God. Brother Linwood Jacobs is our pastor and under his leadership God is truly blessing our church in a great way. In the past year our membership has doubled, our Sunday School has grown from around fifty to one hundred fifty, we have fine Senior and Junior Y.P.E.'s. We are very proud of our Spirit-filled young people.

We surely thank God for a good pastor and wife like Brother and Sister Jacobs, who are truly anointed of the good Holy Ghost to do God's work. We appreciate them more than we can ever tell. They are such a blessing to the people, always visiting the sick in the hospitals, praying for them, visiting in homes, inviting people out to the house of God, trying to get souls saved.

We have a faithful band of saints here who are praying and fasting for many souls to be saved, and truly our God is hearing and answering prayer, for in almost every service souls are praying through to old-time victory.

Jesus is so good to us. We are promised that if we delight ourselves in the Lord He will give us the desires of our hearts. Surely that is the desire of every true child of God, to see souls saved.

Pray for us here, that we may stay humble and faithful to God and His cause, that we may rise and shine for the glory of God.—Mrs. Mayme Johnson, Rt. 6, Box 5.

God Has Been So Good to Me

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga.—I am glad to sound a note of praise because God has been so good to me. I praise Him for the Evangel; it brings the Church of God right into our home—good sermons, testimonies and privileges to pray for those in need of prayer. God has been so good to us, healing when we needed healing, or comforting when we needed comforting, supplying our needs of everyday life, and above all, the joy and peace of the sweet Holy Ghost He brings to our hearts every day.

We are thankful for our good pastor and his wife and children, Rev. and

Mrs. R. F. Wilson, who have been a wonderful blessing to our little church at Lawrenceville. They have been so faithful and every department has grown since they came.

I need the prayers of every saint of God for my children, my home and myself, that we will be found worthy and waiting when Jesus comes.—Mrs. Eula Smith.

God Does the Impossible

It looked impossible, some said it was impossible, but God proved that ALL things are possible through Him. Brother Colon T. Dunn, one of the outstanding evangelists of the Church of God, felt led to take a small church in Laurel, Mississippi. On his arrival to the church, and looking over the situation, it certainly looked impossible to bring the church out of the condition that it was in. First, he cleaned the grounds around the church, cutting the weeds, building new seats for the church. Brother Dunn went out to the woods himself, picked out the trees, cut them down, and built the seats. The Sunday School was averaging twenty-five or thirty each Sunday, but now it has reached and gone over the one hundred mark. The tithes have doubled, the attendance trebled, and the entire city of Laurel is stirred.

On October 14, Brother Dunn decided to have a big day to get money for a new church. That day was FIVE-HUNDRED-DOLLAR DAY! The majority of the congregation said it couldn't be done. You could just mention that you expected to raise five hundred dollars and they would say, "IT'S IMPOSSIBLE." After the state overseer, Brother W. M. Stallings, preached a wonderful message, the Spirit of God moved upon the congregation. Without having a dime to start the offering with from the Y.P.E. and Sunday School, and not having an L. W. W. B., one man volunteered to give two hundred dollars, several gave one hundred dollars, fifty dollars, and on down to one dollar, until, when the total offering was counted, it amounted to over TWELVE HUNDRED DOLLARS! They are now getting ready to build a new brick church in a prominent section of Laurel. Also, in a few days they intend to buy a new Baby Grand piano for their new church.

Brother Dunn could be making several times what he is getting now in the evangelistic field, but when God (Continued on page 14)

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

REVIVALS

ROCHELLE, Ill.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival here with Brother Edward Pickering, of Chicago, Ill., as evangelist. At the close of the services Brother Pickering set the church in order. James Young was elected clerk. Pray that God will give us a good man as pastor. God poured out His Spirit upon all during the revival and a rich spiritual blessing was received. We are looking forward to a great building-up of the church here.—James Young, clerk.

SALEM, W. Va.—We are happy to report the outcome of our last revival here at Salem, which started September 9 and ended September 23, with Sister Kathryn Thurston as our evangelist. There were six saved, two sanctified, and one baptized with the Holy Ghost. The church was also helped by her messages.

We are still moving forward for God and appreciate our present pastor and wife.

Continue to pray for the Salem, W. Va., church.—Gemilla Wilson, 279 W. Main St.

ALEXANDER CITY, Ala.—We praise God for a three weeks' revival just closed with seventeen saved, seven sanctified, seven baptized with the Holy Ghost, twenty-four baptized in water, and seven added to the church. The evangelist was Brother A. G. Isbell, of Sylacauga, Ala.

We also praise God for Brother J. C. Bower who came here in May and started the work again and reorganized the church. We now have a church building almost completed.

We are thankful for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister W. H. Morrison.—Harvey Fuller, clerk.

EDMONTON, Ky.—We are glad to report a good revival which ran four weeks. The Lord met with us in every service. We had the devil to fight but God gave victory over all his opposing powers. We are glad to say God gave us ten souls—seven converted, three sanctified, and several tarrying for the Holy Ghost. We set a church in order with eight members.

We had the district pastor with us and he brought a message on the Holy Ghost. We closed with a baptis-

tismal service with four candidates. The evangelist was Brother and Sister G. R. Morris and party.—District pastor, E. R. Waller, Hodgenville, Ky.

TIMS CHAPEL, Ga.—We have just had an old-time, Holy Ghost conviction revival at Tims Chapel, near Dalton, Ga., in which fourteen were saved, thirteen sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, five baptized in water, and seven added to the church. Rev. Clarence Wood, of Lindale, Ga., was the evangelist.—Sister Fannie Freeman, pastor.

We have just closed a tent meeting here on Tusquittee. Two were saved and one sanctified. Due to cold weather we had to close the meeting. Evangelist Elsie Burch, of Prentiss, N. C., did the preaching. She is a good evangelist and as good a Bible preacher as anyone can find.—Earle Dowell, reporter, Rt. 1, Hayesville, N. C.

DEXTER, Ark.—We just closed a five weeks' revival with Rev. and Mrs. J. H. McDowell. The Lord met with us in a great way. Thirteen wept their way to victory, six received the Holy Ghost and a number were saved and sanctified.

The messages were delivered with power and the church was greatly revived. Special singing was done by Brother Barger, who is traveling with the evangelist, and others used their talent for the Lord.—Edith Demon, pastor, Unit 2, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Old-Time Tent Revival

GLASGOW, Ky.—We are glad to report the best revival we have ever had, which ran six weeks. The dear Lord met with us in every service. We had the devil to fight, but God gave victory over all his opposing power. We are glad to say God gave us twelve souls, four converted, four sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, two added to the church, and six baptized in water. Several dollars were given on a new church building. The evangelists were Brother and Sister G. A. Morris and party.—Rev. I. G. Pruitt.

PINEOLA, N. C.—A two weeks' revival has just closed at Pineola Church of God, in which nine were saved,

three sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and two added to the church. Brother Cotton Cox was the evangelist. He and his good wife worked hard; they surely are good evangelists. Pray for us here at Pineola.—W. J. Pritchard, pastor.

ROME, Ga.—I am glad to report that the North Rome, Ga., Church of God is in an old-time revival. The power of God fills the church with praises and thanksgiving for an old-time, God-given revival as this one. We are now in our fifth week and do not know when it will close. Thirty-seven have received the Holy Ghost so far, others are still seeking the Holy Ghost. The altar is filled almost every night. Others stand in the congregation with tear-dimmed eyes and conviction pressing their hearts. God is healing the sick. Eighteen have been added to the church. A baptizing is to take place Sunday, the 21st of October. Our dear pastor, Rev. C. E. Richard, is doing the preaching. We are very thankful for our pastor and his wife; they are hard working saints.—Clerk, Lloyd Crawford, 3 Silver St.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky.—We praise God for the revival just closed with Rev. E. R. Waller as evangelist. It was wonderful how he preached under the anointing power of the Holy Ghost. The church has been blessed. Fourteen were saved, two sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, eight added to the church, and six baptized in water. Brother Elmer Thomas is the pastor; he is a good, humble pastor.

We are planning to have a new church in the near future. Please pray that God will bless us.—Mrs. C. C. Joiner, clerk, Rt. 5, Box 21.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—We praise the Lord for the Church of God in Winston-Salem, N. C. We have just closed one of the greatest revivals Winston-Salem has ever known. Rev. Roland Verrico was the evangelist and he did some of the best preaching we have ever heard. We had good crowds even though the weather was bad most of the time. There were eleven saved, eight sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, seven added to the church, and twelve baptized in water. We appreciate Brother and Sister Verrico very much. Rev. W. C. Lambert is pastor.—Mrs. W. C. Lambert, clerk.

FAITHFUL "LEAST" THINGS— AND PEOPLE

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The reason for His choice probably lies in the fact that in many instances the more humble, lowly persons are more willing to be used of Him. The world is the enemy of God, and worldly people are not subject to His bidding.

Our friend the cock could not sing nor speak, but he could crow, and so he used that talent faithfully. Perhaps we cannot speak, nor sing, teach nor preach, but possibly we can smile. We have that talent—do we use it? We can speak a kind word—do we do so whenever possible? We can express appreciation when we see someone trying faithfully to do right—do we speak that word? Or possibly we can do some greater service for Him—do we do it? The question is, are we faithful in the "that-which-is-least" things within our sphere? Do we gladly do the thing we can do for God?

Do we, like the rooster in our story, find ourselves unappreciated by men? Have we done our very best for God and His work in our church—only to overhear thoughtless criticism on the part of those who, doubtless, have refused to do that same work? Do we feel like "striking" after a few such experiences? Satan always places the temptation "to quit" before any faithful Christian worker who really tries to accomplish something worth while. The better he succeeds, the greater Satan's temptations come to be.

The danger—perhaps the very greatest danger—in being unfaithful even in the very "least" of our duties for God is that our neglect may cause disaster in the life of someone else—just as the cock's failure that morning might have brought further sin and shame into the life of Peter.

Are we always careful to be faithful in that which is *least*? It is undoubtedly the key to larger service for the Master.

THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

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This double emphasis in the Bible on sons and daughters, handmaidens and servants, is intended to attract our notice definitely to the fact that not upon the high and mighty and dignified would He rest of His prophetic gift, but upon our sons and daughters, the servants and handmaidens. In other words, the carpenter, the plumber, the printer, the farmer, the woodsman, the trapper, the housekeeper, the seam-

stress; upon the ordinary folk, from the ordinary walks of life, would He pour of His Spirit and make great prophets and lesser prophets of them. To this Paul gives emphasis when he says, "Through mighty signs and wonders by the power of the Spirit of God . . . I have fully preached the gospel of Christ," Rom. 15:19. And again, "My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power."

And why has God ordained it so? Well, one reason is that He wanted it to be just that way, and it behooves us sons and daughters to be filled with His Spirit, that His prophecy might be fulfilled in mighty signs and wonders through divinely unctionized testimony and preaching. And another reason is that God knew that few of the highly educated of the ministry would be able to come down low enough to be fully yielded to His Spirit. Men do not like conceit, and God will not tolerate it. The ministerial highways are strewn with the sad spectacle of has-beens who failed because they grew conceited over success. I would rather hear the prison doors clank behind me than to feel that the Spirit of God had lifted from me. One minister said, "Whenever my hands go up in pride I see two nail-

scarred hands raised by mine, and I drop mine in shame." (See 1 Cor. 1:26-31.)


A "high and mighty" preacher, embittered by the great success of one of our revivals, said to me, "One thing I don't like about you Pentecostal people is that as soon as one of you gets what you call the baptism of the Holy Spirit, he thinks he is called to preach, no matter how ignorant he is." To which I replied something like this, "Yes, praise the Lord, that is true. Our people really have something, and they just can't keep quiet about it." It is the spirit of prophecy working in the church. Yes, how gloriously true, that when His Spirit is poured out on ALL flesh your SONS and DAUGHTERS may prophesy, we may ALL prophesy, who have prayed through and received this wonderful gift and anointing on our lives!

REPORTS

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spoke and said, "Dunn, go to Laurel," he obeyed the calling of God. He is certainly one of the most energetic, enthusiastic, and promising men in our Church today. You can be looking for one of the greatest years that any church could expect to have, for the Laurel church this year.—T. W. Day, state S.S. and Y.P.E. superintendent.

Jesus said—"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock." Rev. 3:20.



I called to see you today, but you were not at home. I will call again. If there is sickness or sorrow, or any other reason why you would like to have me call, please let me know at once.

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THE BIBLE AND THE NEW EUROPE

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The European Continent is today deeply sick. The Nazis have to a large extent succeeded in one of the tasks that they set before themselves, in creating chaos—especially spiritual chaos—so that they might more easily subdue that whole continent. Well, they won't subdue it, but the chaos is still there. The tremendous inner disruption, in a very special way among the young people, and the tremendous inner void, I would almost say the nihilism, that is abroad, is an aftermath of Hitler's work.

What shall we put in that void? That is the real issue at present in Europe. Well, we can put in the message of the Bible and the Bible itself if we are sufficiently convinced that that is really and truly the one thing that needs to be put there.

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